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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL ASMARA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ATHENS NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA NIACT IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: TENNECO SEVEN

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(D) ATHENS 3355

1. PLEASE PASS FREEMAN AND TENNECO REPS. FOLLOWING:

BELIEVE CURRENT EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC
ELF DEMANDS AND OBTAINING IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF CAPTIVES.
AS BONA FIDES, ZEIN OR ANY OTHER ELF NEGOTIATOR SHOULD
FREE AT LEAST ONE OR MORE OF CAPTIVES. DEPT BELIEVES ANY
DISCUSSION WITH IEG OF POSSIBLE RELEASE OF IMPRISONED ELF
PERSONNEL (CF. REF D), SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNLESS OR
UNTIL SPECIFIC ELF RELEASE REQUEST WITH NAMES PRESENTED.

2. FOR EMBASSIES' EYES ONLY: DEPT FULLY SHARES TENNECO'S
DESIRE TO PRESS ALL AVAILABLE NEGOTIATING CHANNELS AT
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GREATEST SPEED POSSIBLE. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT

WOULD FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS IF TENNECO REPS OBTAIN
ADVICE OF LOCAL AMEMBASSY PERSONNEL BEFORE TAKING ANY AC-
TION. IN VIEW OF NUMEROUS VARIABLES IN NEGOTIATIONS AND
LACK OF CERTAINTY AS TO COHESION OF ELF, WHAT BAND IS
HOLDING CAPTIVES AND WHO CONTROLS THAT BAND, KHARTOUM,
ADDIS AND ASMARA SHOULD ENSURE CLOSE PRIOR TENNECO-EMBASSY
COORDINATION OF EVERY ACTION. SUCH COORDINATION IS IMPER-
ATIVE TO PRECLUDE PRECIPITOUS MOVE WHICH COULD FURTHER
COMPLICATE CASE AND DELAY CAPTIVES' RELEASE. KISSINGER

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